



Georgia Board of Chiropractic Examiners
Chairman's Corner
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The Georgia Board of Chiropractic Examiners consists of five practitioners from throughout the state and one consumer member. Board members are appointed by the Governor. The Board's legal charge is to oversee the licensing process, the practice of chiropractic and to assure consumer protection. The Board expects its licensees to be aware of the laws, rules and policies which govern the practice in Georgia. The most current Board information can be found on its website at www.sos.georgia.gov/plb/chiropractic.

Recently, the Board adopted a revision to the continuing education rule limiting the number of continuing education hours that can be acquired online. Under the new rule, practitioners can only receive 10 of the required 20 hours per year through audio/visual or electronic media, such as the internet. The Board implemented this restriction not as a punishment to the professionals in this state, but to enhance their opportunities to learn in the CE course setting and from interaction with fellow D.C.s. The purpose of continuing education is to assure that your skills are up-to-date and that continued competent care is provided to the citizens of Georgia.

The most recent issues of concern to the Board surround the following:

- Practitioners' failure to acquire the required continuing education (Board Rules 100-5-.01 through 100-5-.04).
- Practitioners' failure to timely renew licenses (Board Rule 100-2-.02).
- Boundary issues and unprofessional conduct (Board Rule 100-7-.01).
- Failure to release patient records (O.C.G.A. §31-33-1 through 31-33-7).
- Failure to identify self as Chiropractor, D.C. or Doctor of Chiropractic (O.C.G.A. §43-9-16(h)).

The Board meets bi-monthly in Macon at the Professional Licensing Board and all meetings are open to the public. We welcome comments pertaining to issues of concern to the chiropractic community.

We encourage all practitioners to get involved and join one of the professional associations in Georgia. We have a strong working relationship with these organizations and we find them to be a great resource for practitioners.

Thank you for your service to the citizens of Georgia who deserve to receive quality chiropractic care.

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President

The Georgia Board of Chiropractic Examiners encourages your review of its website.

Board meeting dates & locations:

<http://sos.georgia.gov/cgi-bin/MeetingDatesResults.asp?BoardID=7>

Board member listing: http://sos.georgia.gov/plb/chiro/board_members.htm

Board Rules: <http://sos.georgia.gov/acrobat/PLB/Rules/chapt100.pdf>

Disciplinary Actions/Board Sanctions: <http://sos.georgia.gov/plb/PublicOrders/>

Information on the consumer complaint process:

<http://sos.georgia.gov/myverification/SubmitComplaint.aspx>

Information on federations & professional associations:

<http://sos.georgia.gov/plb/chiro/associations.htm>